

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) ~~The fitting according to claim~~
~~16, further comprising~~ A fitting comprising:
a pipe end centered on an axis and formed with a radial
outward enlargement having an axially inwardly directed face lying
in a plane perpendicular to the axis;
an annular reinforcement fitted in the enlargement,
braced radially outwardly thereagainst and having an axially
outwardly directed front end face lying in a plane perpendicular to
the axis and axially outward of the inwardly directed enlargement
face;
a nut bearing axially outwardly on the axially inwardly
directed enlargement face;
a connector engaged by the nut and pressed thereby
axially inward against the axially outwardly directed reinforcement
face; and
a first sealing gasket at the front end face.

3. (currently amended) The fitting according to
claim ~~[[16]]~~ 2 wherein the pipe end has two such ~~deformations~~
enlargements extending annularly on said end of said pipe with
different sized diameters.

5 4. (previously presented) The fitting according to
6 claim 16 wherein the reinforcement is a cap having a flaring head
7 forming the outwardly directed reinforcement face and a cylindrical
8 body having at least one annular radially projecting rib.

1 5. (previously presented) The fitting according to
2 claim 16 wherein the reinforcement has a first bend extending
3 radially.

1 6. (previously presented) The fitting according to
2 claim 16 wherein the reinforcement has a second bend extending
3 parallel to the axis.

1 7. (currently amended) ~~The fitting according to claim~~
2 ~~6, further comprising~~ A fitting comprising:

3 a pipe end centered on an axis and formed with a radial
4 outward enlargement having an axially inwardly directed face lying
5 in a plane perpendicular to the axis;

6 an annular reinforcement fitted in the enlargement,
7 braced radially outwardly thereagainst and having a first radially
8 extending bend forming an axially outwardly directed front end face
9 lying in a plane perpendicular to the axis and axially outward of
10 the inwardly directed enlargement face and a second bend;

11 a nut bearing axially outwardly on the axially inwardly
12 directed enlargement face;

13 a connector engaged by the nut and pressed thereby
14 axially inward against the axially outwardly directed reinforcement
15 face; and

16 a second enlargement having a greater diameter than the
17 first-mentioned enlargement, said first and second bend reinforcing
18 said first and second enlargements.

8. (canceled)

1 9. (previously presented) The fitting according to
2 claim 7, further comprising
3 second engagement means defined by said second
4 enlargement having, inside said pipe, an annular seat; and
5 a second sealing gasket with the head of said cap on the
6 seat.

1 10. (previously presented) The fitting according to
2 claim 4 wherein said cylindrical body of said cap comprises at
3 least three ribs engaged on the inner surface of said first
4 enlargement.

1 11. (previously presented) The fitting according to
2 claim 7 wherein said nut abuts against said second enlargement.

12 -- 15. (canceled)

1 16. (currently amended) A fitting comprising:
2 a pipe end centered on an axis and formed with [[a]] two
3 radial outward enlargements extending annularly on the pipe end, of
4 different sized diameters, and each having an axially inwardly
5 directed face lying in a plane perpendicular to the axis;
6 an annular reinforcement fitted in the enlargement,
7 braced radially outwardly thereagainst and having an axially
8 outwardly directed front end face lying in a plane perpendicular to
9 the axis and axially outward of the inwardly directed enlargement
10 face;
11 a nut bearing axially outwardly on the axially inwardly
12 directed enlargement face; and
13 a connector engaged by the nut and pressed thereby
14 axially inward against the axially outwardly directed reinforcement
15 face.

1 17. (previously presented) The fitting defined in claim
2 16 wherein the nut and connector are formed with interengaging
3 screwthreads.